

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of Group Art Unit: 1771 Eric M. Peters Hai Vo, Examiner Serial No.: 09/824,612 **Certificate of Mailing** I hereby certify that this correspondence was deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Issue Fee, Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on this 2004 Filed: April 2, 2001 For RETROREFLECTIVE ARTICLES OF NANOPOROUS CONSTRUCTION AND METHOD FOR THE Cynt**h**ia M. Wilson, Sec'y to Donald J. Bobak MANUFACTURE THEREOF

## **STATUS INQUIRY**

Mail Stop Issue Fee Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

The instant application is presently before the above-identified Examining Attorney, awaiting consideration and decision of the Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.312 filed on September 30, 2003. The Issue Fee for this application was paid via facsimile on December 5, 2003, and a telephone call to the Patent Office Status Line indicates that this application is in the Image Assistance Center "waiting for the tech center response". The undersigned attorney hereby requests the status of the above-identified application, in particular, to ascertain why it has not yet issued into a United States Patent after more than eight months.

Respectfully submitted,

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